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The attached patents, publications, or other information in the English language do not require a statement of relevancy.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications, or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:

English language abstracts have been provided for German Patent Nos. DE 199 32 216 A1 and DE 102 03 628 A1;

U.S. Patent No. 6,197,757 B1 is the English equivalent of German Patent No. DE 199 32 216 A1;

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European Patent No. EP 0 674 506 B1 corresponds to German Patent No. DE 693 29 295 T2; European Patent No. EP 0 553 195 B1 corresponds to German Patent No. DE 691 26 535 T2; and European Patent No. EP 0 239 361 B1 corresponds to German Patent No. DE 37 82 840 T2.

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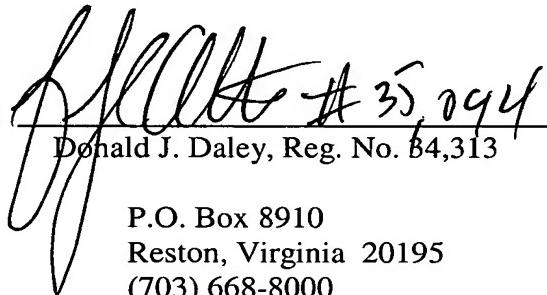
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